

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q79778

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Appln. No.: 10/775,170

Group Art Unit: 2853

Confirmation No.: 1020

Examiner: Nathan K. Tyler

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For: HALFTONE DOT CONVERSION APPARATUS, HALFTONE DOT CONVERSION  
PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM, AND DOT MATRIX

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated August 14, 2007. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there are no generic claims. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species I, Fig. 4 for examination on which claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 22 and 25 are readable. Applicant submits that independent claims 1 and 22 are generic to Species I-V.

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Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 3, 5-7, 9-21, 23, 24 and 26.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

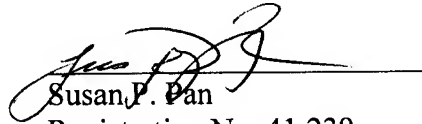
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